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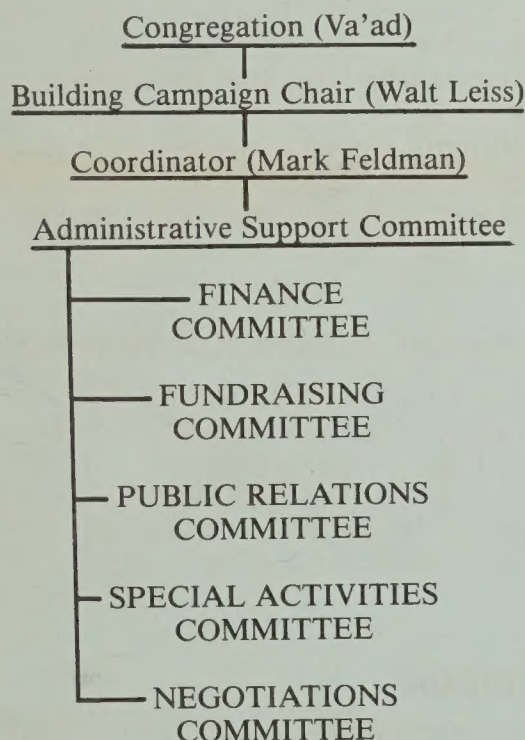
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## A HOME OF OUR OWN!

**O**ur community building campaign is under way now, and will officially be kicked-off at the Congregational meeting on May 16. At the meeting we will discuss plans for the campaign; the various committee chairs will talk about the work that will need to be done, and seek volunteers to do that work. Be sure to be at the Congregational Meeting and be a part of the building campaign.

The chart below indicates the organizational structure of the Community Building Campaign:



In addition, there will be a Building-Use Committee, responsible directly to the Va'ad, that will begin plans for architectural needs as well as space and usage requirements for the building.

I am heartened by the tremendous interest and support that Congregation members have already expressed toward the building campaign. I hope that *everyone* will come to the Congregational Meeting prepared to join a committee. As we all know, economic times are difficult and while money comes from trees it doesn't grow on trees. With *all of us* working together, we *can* have our building.

—Mark Feldman

## Congregational Meeting and Annual Elections—May 16

*There once were some Jews from Shamoken  
Who cast their votes as a token.  
Without learning the issues,  
They were left with wet tissues  
From weeping, 'cause they hadn't spoken.*

They also hadn't listened...or learned...or shared... or been an *active* part of the process. Don't be a Shamokenite!!!

There is never a time when it isn't important to be an active and knowledgeable voter. Now, perhaps, it is more important than usual. There are serious issues and challenges facing our wonderful family and it is urgent that all of us become *fully informed* before casting our votes. Attendance at the Congregational Meeting insures that your concerns will be dealt with and your questions answered. The May 16 Congregational Meeting will be at 4 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 3200 California St. at Presidio in San Francisco.

The Election Committee encourages and urges all members to come to the meeting. One of the primary goals, as stated in our By-Laws, is inclusion. We want to include all...and we want you to include yourselves.

We must all open our minds and hearts to one another. We must all share in the responsibility for making our congregational family as full, rich, and honest as humanly possible. Allow yourself the joy and satisfaction of being a caring and informed family member. You *do* make a difference.

In the spirit of love, sharing, and growth... *Shalom*  
The Election Committee

## Sha'ar Zahav to Participate in Israel Independence Day Festivities

Our Congregation will be among the many Bay Area organizations participating in the Israel Independence Day celebration on Sunday, May 2 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Stern Grove, 19th Avenue and Sloat Boulevard, San Francisco.

The festival agenda includes stage entertainment, an arts and crafts exhibit, puppet theater, clowns, juggler, mimes, movies, Kibbutz corner, a model of Jerusalem's Western Wall, activities for all ages and an assortment of Israeli and Jewish foods.

To volunteer to help at our booth, call Alan Schrager at 397-6254.



## President's Column

**O**n May 16, members of the congregation will have an opportunity to review our progress at the annual meeting. Reports of the officers will include the program initiatives, fiscal decisions and organizational changes which have occurred during this past year. Modifications of our by-laws and membership year will be on the agenda for approval, in addition to our annual elections.

Our congregational meetings are usually not boring, and are occasionally even exciting. Participation, especially in a year when a number of offices are being contested, is important and meaningful. Though absentee ballots are available, your presence insures an electorate which is informed and educated by the presentations and debate.

Being a member of Sha'ar Zahav required you to make a decision and support it with a financial commitment. Many of us also volunteer hundreds of hours to insure the success and growth of our congregation. Your leaders are your representatives. We act on your behalf to provide religious services, social action commitments, social programs, member services, community education, and all of the organizational processes necessary to maintain Congregation. An important contribution for each member is to share the time to participate in congregation meetings. Help us to meet the quorum and learn more about how we really function.

Having different opinions is a traditional Jewish virtue. Our love to question; and to answer a question with a question, has helped us to be independent human beings. Respect for each other's opinions and ethical character is a necessity in a community in which members care about each other. We are all part of a wonderful synagogue which is unique, growing, vibrant and caring—let us remember—we have the power to make it loving. —Paul J. Cohen

## See Bush Street!

A special treat is being planned for us on Saturday, May 23, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., when we will have the opportunity to see the Bush Street Synagogue as a group. Arrangements are being made as we go to press, and plans call for a delicious brunch and guided tour of the building we hope to acquire as our new home. Phone the synagogue office, 621-2871, for further details and reservations.

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## Jewish Feminist Conference Here May 29-31

**T**he Jewish Feminist Conference scheduled for May 29-31 at Everett Middle School, Church and 16th Streets in San Francisco, is expected to attract more than 800 women from around the country.

Workshop topics include coalition building, creating new rituals, aging in the Jewish community, Jewish women and work, homophobia and the Jewish community, and many, many more. The registration fee is on a sliding scale of \$20 to \$35, or \$7 to \$12 per day. Saturday's program is open to Jewish women only; Sunday's events are open to all women. The conference site is wheelchair accessible; sign language interpreter services and childcare are available.

For further information, or if you would like to lead a workshop, call 540-0671, extension 349 or 861-7035 TTY (hearing impaired only). Registration forms will be available at our Shabbat services as well.

## Social Action Report

**O**ur congregation began its Ethiopian Jewry rescue campaign at the Congregational Seder last month. The campaign has two major facets. The first, a letter writing campaign, is intended to continue to put pressure on those responsible in Israel to speed up the rescue mission, especially of those Jews in the refugee camps in the Sudan, whose immediate rescue is an urgent matter of life or death. Outside pressure of this sort from all around the world, and especially from the Jewish communities in the U.S. and Canada, has gotten good results over the past few months. We must, however, continue to insist to the Israeli government that the momentum of the rescue mission be maintained until *all* the Ethiopian Jews are safe and free in Israel.

## Blood Bank Coordinator Needed

The Bikkur Cholim Committee is seeking a coordinator to act as liaison between the Congregation and Irwin Memorial Blood Bank on our account there, which is available to all of our members and their families. If you would like to work with the Committee on this important project, contact chair Betty Kalis at 821-6780 or 221-2265.

## Va'ad Report

The Va'ad meeting was held on Sunday, April 11 at the Jewish Community Library. A number of members of the Congregation participated with the whole Va'ad in discussion and questions regarding the business at hand. Items of business included:

1. A decision to produce T-shirts to be sold at Israel Independence Day and the summer fairs.

2. Rabbi Bennett requested additional clerical support for the Congregation's business.

3. The Election Committee reported on those candidates running for office and on the qualifications used to determine the individuals accepted by the election committee. Discussion ensued and it was agreed that the qualifications for office should be developed before the notice to candidates is made.

4. The Sacramento Havurah was given a six-month loan of prayerbooks to support their monthly services.



## From Where I Stand

A major focus of Jewish life for generations has been the "na-a'seh" (we shall do) aspect of our self-definition. Less concerned with theological dogma, we have oriented ourselves toward serving others in need. As our prayerbook says, as God lifts up the fallen, heals the sick, frees the captive, and so on, we, created in the image of God, are expected to do the same.

Our detractors in the world have accused the Jews of a great conspiracy. We, on the other hand, have always vigorously denied any such conspiracy, since the implications were that we were trying to control the world.

I'd like to suggest that there *is* a conspiracy, that there should be, and that without it, we would be terribly remiss in our covenant with God. Unless we become aware of the plight of our sisters and brothers, wherever they may be, in whatever countries they live, including our own, we not only may lose the opportunity to help them if they need it, but we may lessen our ability to defend ourselves against trouble in our own backyard.

Example: Our current effort to rescue Ethiopian Jews has brought to our attention the tragic situation for these people. We could also focus on the poverty-level aging Jews of San Francisco's Tenderloin district, or the Jews from Iran who are seeking asylum here, or the Jews of Syria who are still being hanged in city squares, or the Jews of many other places whose lives are constantly in danger, such as in the Soviet Union.

Or we could focus on issues which transcend our Jewish concerns: the Family Protection Act, Mayor Feinstein's gun control proposals, the bilateral nuclear freeze drive, attacks against our personal rights and hard-won freedoms.

There are countless other things as well which could fill us up, and could drain us completely of our own personal resources, both emotional and financial. But our commitment to positive social change requires our being willing to expend personal energy and resources to bring about the better world we all seek.

While I would never suggest that we ignore our responsibility to deepen our understanding of theology and our relationship to God, I believe that one of the best ways we reach that understanding is through Jewishly committed social action. As Rabbi Tarfon said in the Pirke Avot, "It is not your obligation to finish the task; nevertheless you are not free to desist from it."

—Rabbi Allen B. Bennett

## Gift Opportunities Expand

In past issues of the *Forward*, we have encouraged our members and friends to consider a contribution to the Congregation as a way of, for example, saying "Happy Birthday" or "Happy Anniversary" to loved ones. You can still do that, of course, in honor or in memory of anyone or for any occasion.

But have you considered some other opportunities, such as the fact that it's Tuesday, or in honor of your promotion at work, or commemorating the occasion of your *finally* clearing all those stacks of papers off your desk? The possibilities are endless and boggle the mind.

Whatever occasion *you* may have in mind, though, contact Ernie Weinstein at 566-1985 for details. And remember that our beautifully-designed gift card is available in two versions: with or without the lambda in our logo.

## Women's Havurah Picnic Planned

With our beautiful springtime weather, it seems a shame to even *think* about any indoor program for May. A potluck picnic on Saturday, May 15 at 1:00 p.m. will give us the opportunity to gather for good food and good company. Bring your favorite picnic treat and meet your sisters at Elk Glen Meadow in Golden Gate Park.

Directions: Take the #71 Muni bus to Lincoln Way and 25th Avenue or, if you're driving, turn into the park here. Go to stop sign at the bottom of the hill and turn left. Our site, with four tables and a grill, is about a half block down this street, across from Mallard Lake, on the right side.

And just in case it does rain, call the synagogue office, 621-2871. There will be a message on the answering machine about alternative plans.

## Sha'ar Zahav Seder a Success

More than 180 people gathered for our annual second night Congregational Seder at the Golden Gateway Holiday Inn. Special thanks go to Risa Krive, Sharyn Saslofsky, David Ben-Jacob, Garry Koenigsburg, Laurie Radovsky and Rabbi Allen B. Bennett, and to the many members and friends who participated in making our Seder a warm and inspiring event.

## Shavuos—Choosing Judaism

Shavuos, the holiday of weeks, comes exactly seven weeks after the second night of Passover. Along with Passover and Succos, it is one of the three pilgrimage festivals, which Jews in Biblical times would journey to Jerusalem to celebrate. The great theme of Shavuos is the creation of loving bonds—between God and Israel, between Israel and God, between all those who have chosen life.

Shavuos is the holiday of choosing Judaism. It marks the unimaginable day when a ragged group of freed slaves stood beneath a desert mountain, and accepted the burdens of justice and holiness that made them Jews. We are told that each of us who are Jews today, as well as all the Jews of the past and the ones to come, stood there that stormy morning, and joined in that pledge.

The special Biblical writing for Shavuos is the Book of Ruth, which manages to deal with all the major themes of the festival: The grain harvest (the holiday's agricultural underpinning), the choosing of Judaism, and the bond between all people of good will.

It has been said that the pressure of assimilation on modern American Jews makes all of us Jews by choice; that without a conscious choice, we would drift and be lost in the comfortable and homogenous materialism that surrounds us. And for Gay and Lesbian Jews, the choosing of Judaism has been even more difficult, at times a journey through a wilderness more forbidding than Sinai; but having taken our places beneath the mountain, our pride and our conviction is that much stronger.

Sha'ar Zahav's celebration of Shavuos will be at services on Friday, May 28. The service will include special participation by members of our congregation who made a conscious choice of Judaism from other or no religious backgrounds, and contributions from everyone who would share the unique ways in which each of us has chosen to be a Jew.

—Garry Koenigsberg

Chairperson, Ritual Committee



## Mazel Tov!

...to Havurat Achayot ("Congregation of Sisters"), our newest sibling group, in Chicago, which drew 45 people to its first seder last month. A snowstorm kept many others who had made reservations at home. The warmth of the gathering made your editor, who personally peeled 25 pounds of potatoes for the best kugel ever made, forget how cold it was outside.

...to the Bikkur Cholim Committee, for its continuing excellence in reaching out to elderly Jews in nursing homes during each of our holiday seasons.

...do you have a mazel tov? Call, write or tell us so we can share.

## Rap Group

The Sha'ar Zahav bi-weekly open rap group continues to meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Open to women and men, Jewish and non-Jewish, this unstructured group is facilitated by Rabbi Bennett and covers a wide range of subjects as determined by the participants. For further information, call the synagogue office during business hours at 621-2871.

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## Family Seder Report

This year four Sha'ar Zahav family seders were organized, which were attended by a total of 24 members and friends of the Congregation. Reports from the seder hosts indicate that these seders were enjoyed by all participants. Thanks are in order to the host of each seder, as well as to the co-ordinators and the guests, who all shared in providing food and other items.

—Pete Tannen

## Jewish History Havurah

An informal group meets at the home of Dave Rosen in the city (Page & Clayton) on the first Saturday of every month from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. We read a book—historical, literary, contemporary—before each meeting and then discuss it. The next session will take place on May 2nd.

If you are interested, call 552-0118 evenings or weekends.

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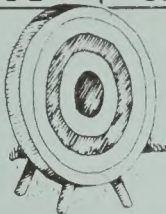

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<b>16</b> Congregational meeting (see article 621-2871) כג	<b>17</b> כד	<b>18</b> כה	<b>19</b> Social Action Committee Meeting 929-8479 כו	<b>20</b> Yom Yerushalayim כז	<b>21</b> כח	<b>22</b> כט
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## Ritual Calendar

Friday, May 7  
**Torah Emor:** Leviticus 21:1-24:23  
**Haftorah:** Ezekiel 44:15-31  
 Rabbi Allen B. Bennett, services

Friday, May 14  
**Torah Be-har-Be-Hukkotai:** Leviticus 25:1-27:34  
**Haftorah:** Jeremiah 16:19-17:14  
 Ritual Committee and Friends, services

Friday, May 21  
**Torah Be-Midbar:** Numbers 1:1-4:20  
**Haftorah:** I Samuel 20:18-42  
 Rabbi Allen B. Bennett, services

Friday, May 28  
 6 Sivan

First Day of Shavuot  
**Special Torah reading:** Deuteronomy 14:22-16:17, Numbers 28:26-31  
**Haftorah:** Habakkuk 3:1-19  
 Ritual Committee and Friends, services

Saturday, May 29

Special outdoor Shavuot Festival Service  
 Stern Grove, 19th & Sloat, S.F. 10:30 a.m.

Everyone is welcome to join us for Shabbat services each Friday at 8:15 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 3200 California Street (at Presidio), San Francisco.



## Opportunities

"An evening with Elie Wiesel" takes place on Thursday, May 6, at Wheeler Auditorium, University of California, Berkeley. This Steve Labringer Memorial Lecture is presented by the Hillel Foundation. General admission is \$6; for students and seniors, \$3.

On May 2, a sunrise ceremony will herald the departure of a Women's Caravan for the United Nations Special Session on Disarmament II in New York. The Caravan, named "Sac," wishes to replace "Strategic Air Command" with "Survive and continue," and plans to stop at 12 weapons sites and SAC headquarters en route.

The departure ceremony will take place at 7:30 a.m. at the Berkeley Lawrence Lab on Centennial Drive, with a downhill run. The project is requesting endorsements and contributions. Contact Helene Aylon at 655-2396, or the Women's Party for Survival, 981-8909.

The *Joys of Jewishing* will take place again this summer, August 1-8, in the Sierra foothills. The encampment in the country will include classes and workshops, shared rituals, singing, dancing and prayer, and a chance to enjoy vacation time. The 446 acres contain hiking trails, streams, outdoor amphitheatre, crafts center and sports facilities. Accommodations are in a small lodge, dormitories and tent cabins. Three vegetarian meals a day will be available and child care provided days and evenings, with special children's programs. Space is limited. Reserve now: Adults, \$150; 13-17, \$135; 6-12, \$75; under 6, \$30. Make checks payable to Aquarian Minyan-Joys of Jewishing, and send it to 2020 Essex St., Berkeley 94703, or call 848-0965.

The Magnes Museum is sponsoring an exciting three and one-half week trip to Israel this July. Museum members and friends of all ages have been invited by Professor Moshe Dothan of Haifa University to participate in the archaeological excavations and research at Tel Akko on the northern coast of Israel. The group will join the team of archaeologists for two and one-half weeks of digging and study. The trip includes three mini-trips to Galilee, Jerusalem and the Negev. Tel Akko, near Haifa, was a thriving center of trade and culture for thousands of years. The site is right on the coast for plenty of sun and swimming after daily digging. Dates for the tour are July 8 through August 7, with open return dates if you wish. Total cost is \$2,110. Contact Alice Perlman, Curatorial Assistant at the Magnes, at (415) 849-2710 for more information and reservations.

Volunteers are needed to assist in the production of San Francisco's first Consumer's Guide to Nursing Homes and Alternative Health Care, to be produced by the American Jewish Congress. This guide will list all nursing homes and alternative health care currently available in San Francisco, and will provide such information as to what to look for in nursing home care, how to pay for the high costs of care, what alternatives are available and what to do if you are being mistreated. The guide will also cover information on admission policies and fees as well as other information. Interested persons should call Shoshana Friedkin at the American Jewish Congress at 391-6590.

## Scholar-in-Residence Weekend Scheduled

The first annual Scholar-in-Residence program for Sha'ar Zahav has been scheduled for the weekend of June 18, and will feature Dr. Norman Mirsky, Professor of Human Relations at the Hebrew Union College Jewish Institute of Religion in Los Angeles. Professor Mirsky will deliver a series of lectures and lead discussion groups throughout the weekend, beginning with our Friday evening service.

More information about this exciting inaugural program will be in next month's *Forward*. Please reserve that weekend for a highly informative and enjoyable learning and sharing experience. Dr. Mirsky will address issues which relate specifically to our uniqueness as a congregation with a primary outreach to the lesbian and gay Jewish community. His warmth and informality have made him one of the College's favorite faculty members. His latest book, entitled *Unorthodox Judaism* is must reading; expect a weekend full of surprises.

## A Reminder


The deadline was April 26, but if you made reservations for our baseball event on Thursday, May 13, do remember to mark it down on your calendar. We wouldn't want you to miss this Oakland A's-New York Yankees game!

## Outreach

Services are held in Sacramento on the second Friday of each month at 8:00 p.m. in the chapel of B'nai Israel, 3800 Riverside Drive. Members and friends in the Sacramento area are encouraged to attend the May 14 service, and to become involved in other Sha'ar Zahav activities as well. For further information, contact Stephen Klein at (916) 673-7215.

## Next Deadline

Copy for the June issue of the *Forward* is due on Monday, May 10. Articles should be typewritten, double-spaced, on 8½ x 11 white paper. Call Cathy Nelson at 621-0628 for further information.



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## Public Relations at a Glance

**T**he Public Relations Committee met on March 30 with a more than full agenda in addition to the usual smorgasbord of noshereis provided by the members.

There has been a tremendous increase in PR activities this past month. To list a few:

- Press releases were sent to print and the electronic media regarding our Passover celebration.

- Randy Alfred, of K-SAN's "The Gay Life" radio show taped an interview with Paul Cohen and Mark Feldman. It aired April 4.

- New ads have been and are being developed for placement in various newspapers. Ads have now appeared in the *BAR*, *Coming Up*, and *Plexus*.

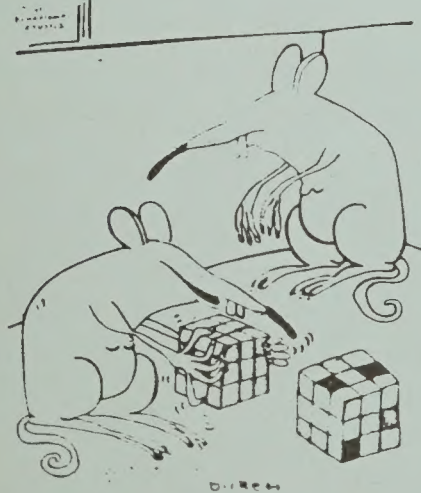
- A Congregational Archives has been established.

- A news article and photo was printed in the *Jewish Bulletin*, covering our Congregation's effort on behalf of Ethiopian Jews.

We are presently working on a PR Plan for the Congregation. A member of the Oneg Committee attended our meeting to learn how PR can support the Committee's work, and this reflects our Committee's goal of serving other Committee's PR needs: outreach, publicity, and the "how-to" of creating clear and positive messages to the right folks. Incidentally, On June 12 a Conference will be sponsored by the Coalition for Human Rights and the Media Alliance to educate non-profit groups on how to most effectively utilize the media, and the media's increasing awareness of the lesbian and gay communities. Members of Sha'ar Zahav (a member, in turn, of the Coalition for Human Rights) will be able to attend this inexpensive and educational workshop. Mark Feldman, our PR Committee chair, is coordinating the Conference. You will hear more about this Conference in the next *Forward*, but if you would like to volunteer some time or have other questions, call Mark at 648-5556.

I could go on and on about the other areas we are covering (including newspaper religious columns, community awareness campaigns, and the building campaign), but I think you now have a general feeling for the activities we are currently pursuing. Sound interesting? Attend our next meeting and learn how you can contribute. Call 648-5556 for information. See you there!

—David Glassberg  
Public Relations Committee



"It beats the hell out of mazes—you just make each side a different color, and they throw you a piece of cheese."

## Marilyn Miller

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## A Reminder

The Seventh International Conference of Gay and Lesbian Jews is scheduled the Fourth of July weekend at the Sheraton-Universal Hotel in North Hollywood. The Conference has an exciting and stimulating program of workshops, services and parties scheduled. For a complete registration packet, write Registration, Seventh International Conference, P.O. Box 35771, Los Angeles, CA 90035. Plan to attend. Individuals interested in serving as delegates to the World Congress should contact Paul Cohen, 929-9524.

## Lag B'Omer Picnic

**D**ue to myriad other activities this spring, the annual congregational Lag B'Omer picnic will not be until Sunday, June 6. The picnic will again be held at Angel Island State Park where we have reserved the West Garrison area. Although there is a charge for the ferry ride to the island (see details below), the picnic is free.

Plan for a glorious day of fun in the sun. Bring a picnic (no fires permitted), your frisbees and softball equipment, your hiking boots, bicycles, or fishing gear if that's your thing. Remember, though, you'll have to carry it all up the hill to the picnic area.

Meet at Fisherman's Wharf, Pier 41 at 9:30 to catch the 10 o'clock ferry (round trip \$5.25 adult, \$2.75 child 5-12) or catch a later or Tiburon ferry and meet us there. So we can make a group reservation for the 10:00 ferry, please return the reservation form no later than May 30. See you there.

## Ferry Schedules

**From San Francisco:** 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 3:45 (40 minute trip)

**Leaves island:** 12:45, 2:40, 4:35, 6:00

**From Tiburon:** 11:00, 1:00, 2:50, 4:20 (\$5 round trip, children under 5 free)

by **MAY 30**

return to: Congregation Sha'ar Zahav  
P.O. Box 5640  
San Francisco, CA 94101

Yes, I/we plan to attend the Lag B'Omer picnic at Angel Island on June 6.

\_\_\_\_ Please make reservations for the 10:00 ferry from Fisherman's Wharf.

\_\_\_\_ Don't make reservations. I/we will take a later ferry or one from Tiburon.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number in party: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_



## Thoughts on Yahrzeit

A special day and special observances commemorating the anniversary of the death of parents was already discussed in the Talmud. *Yahrzeit* is a description of an instinctive sentiment of sadness, brought on by the tragedy of death, as well as praise to God for the heritage of one's parents.

*Yahrzeit* may be observed for any relative or friend, and its observance takes place in three places: the home, the synagogue and the cemetery.

There are three home observances of *Yahrzeit*: fasting, lighting *yahrzeit* candles, and Torah study and charity. Not everyone fasts who observes *yahrzeit*, and fasting is not required. Lighting the *yahrzeit* candle at dark on the evening before the anniversary (and before regular candle-lighting on Sabbaths and holy days), the candles are allowed to burn until they extinguish themselves. If all the children are in the same house during *yahrzeit*, one candle suffices. Otherwise, each child lights an individual, separate candle. In commemorating the *yahrzeit* of several people at once, there should be a candle for each deceased. It is traditional to make donations to religious schools, synagogues, medical institutions or to the poor on behalf of the deceased on *yahrzeit*. And it is traditional as well to study *mishnah*, or if not that, then a chapter of the Bible.

Traditional synagogue observances include being called to the Torah for an *aliyah* on *yahrzeit*, and reciting the Kaddish at each service attended on *yahrzeit*. It is also the custom in some places to bring refreshments to the synagogue for all to partake of after the service to toast *l'chayim*, to life.

An annual visit to the grave at *yahrzeit* is a traditional custom, where Psalms are recited, and, if possible *mishnah* study.

The date of *yahrzeit* during the first year *and* on all subsequent years is one full Hebrew year from the date of death, not from the time of the funeral or burial.

For further questions about *yahrzeit*, please contact Rabbi Bennett.

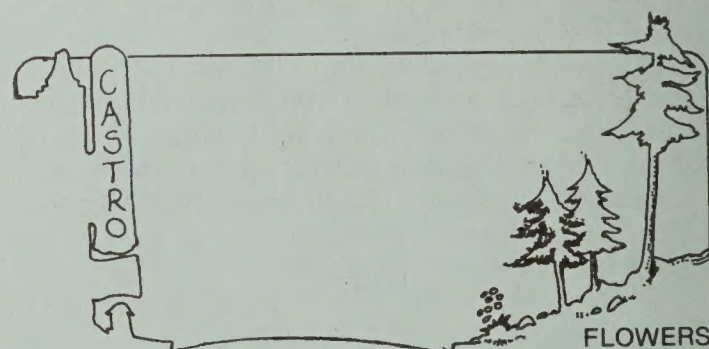
## Yahrzeits

- 1 (7 Iyar) Herman Kreitzberg, father of Duff Kreitzberg
- 2 Jack Fleming, brother-in-law of Gordon Osser
- 7 (15 Iyar) Harry Skolnik, grandfather of Hal Heller
- 8 (16 Iyar) Abe Schorr, father of Cynthia Schorr
- 9 (17 Iyar) Frances Raim, mother of Leila Raim
- 9 (17 Iyar) Aaron Resnick, father of Gary Resnick
- 14 (22 Iyar) Mary Patricia Nelson, sister of Cathy Nelson
- 15 Irma Herman Levin, grandmother of Josh Friedman
- 23 Lois Levison, great aunt of Scott Chase
- 26 Ida Parker, mother of Harold Parker
- 27 Carolyn Drew Morris, grandmother of Laurie Radovsky
- 27 (28 Iyar) Hanna Lieber Nowick, grandmother of Mark Resnick
- 29 Morton Wilkes, brother of Shelley Abts Fernandez
- 30 Mary Thal, mother of Sam Thal

## Happy Birthday!!!

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| 5  | Cathy Airola     | 21 | Jerry Rosenstein |
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